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The present State Constitution of Georgia, as one of the results of reconstruction, provides "that the State of Georgia shall ever remain a member of the American Union. The people thereof are a part of the American nation. Every citizen thereof owes paramount allegiance to the Constitution and Government of the United States, and no law or ordinance in contravention or subversion shall ever have binding force." This has troubled the loyal Georgians for many years, and now they are discussing a proposition to change the constitution. Republicans are opposed to change, of course, but the Democrats are frantic to have a change. Senator Ben Hill, in a recent speech, said a large part of the people were dissatisfied with the constitution, because "it brands the late war as a rebellion, thus insulting the living and dishonoring the patriotic dead. It declares that paramount allegiance is due by every Georgian to the National Government, while each government is supreme in its sphere, and in perfect harmony." In other words, the Democrats, having secured control of the State, propose to ignore the present constitution and put the State where it need not "ever remain a member of the American Union," and be a part of the American nation.

The New York Tribune publishes tables showing the earnings of all the railroads in this country, and also tables showing the dividends made by the railroad corporations. From these it appears that stock amounting to \$1,400,000,000 paid no dividends the last year; that stock amounting to \$826,641,702 paid an average dividend of 7 per cent. The dividends made average about 2.6 per cent on all the stock outstanding. The roads paying dividends have about \$3,000,000 of bonds outstanding, which practically represent the capital invested, the roads being constructed by the sale of bonds, and but a small proportion of cash being invested in stock.

A NEW ORLEANS correspondent of the New York Times says advice received in that city from various parts of the State show it to be the fixed policy of the Democrats to break up the Republican organization everywhere by persecuting or driving away the leaders of the party. Some have been imprisoned on various pretexts and others warned to leave. The correspondent says that the latest news received by Republicans in New Orleans is that two colored men owning property in Bayou Sara have within a week been told to leave; that a representative from Feliciana, who a second time has been driven to New Orleans, disappeared recently, and nothing has since been heard of him; that Senator Harper, of the Shreveport district, has been put in jail by the Democrats; that Representative Roby, of Natchitoches, is threatened in the same way; that Representative Jones, of Pointe Coupee, has been warned away, and fears for his life. Many of the colored people are preparing to leave the State, and the subject of emigration is being actively discussed among them. They do not seem to know nor to care where they will go, their sole desire being to get out of Louisiana. There are not encouraging signs. The policy of the Louisiana Democracy, and of the party everywhere in the South, ought to be to induce all classes of citizens now there to remain, to encourage immigration, and by establishing justice and enforcing the laws convince everybody that the South is a good place to live in.

MISS KATE CLAXTON has settled down for the summer at the home of her parents, New Brunswick, N. J. She needs a rest, she says, not much from any arduous service during her recent professional tour as from the fatigue of reading the newspaper squibs that spring from her fire experience. She relates to an inquiring reporter some anecdotes that have not before found their way into print. When her agent secured the Opera House at Indianapolis, the owner doubled his insurance, and had the whole fire department nearly a car-load of fire engines, and one agent made her a flattering financial offer if she would permit him to name his machine after her. Enough life insurance pamphlets and circulars have been sent her to start a paper mill, and in one Western city she with great difficulty prevented a board of enthusiastic stockholders naming their insurance company after her. When she arrived at New Brunswick, in hope of peace and quiet, she was immediately waited upon by a committee from the local fire department with a request that she would bless their engine with her name. This all seemed hard enough, but the climax was reached when a "World" reporter sent in his card, and since then she has denied herself to even members of her own family.

Patents procured by L. P. Graham, at 39 West Wood street. July 31 day

RIDING DOWN A FLUME.

A correspondent sends an account of the perilous journey down the mountains of two Nevada miners, who made the trip in a mining flume. The flume is owned by Messrs. Mackey & Fair, and is located in the mountains, near Carson City. It is about fifteen miles in length, leading from a lofty elevation down to the plain, and crossing in its course deep ravines, skirting terrible precipices and chasms, and presenting many sharp curves. It is fed with water from Lake Tahoe, and empties into a creek near Carson City. This flume, said to be the longest in the world, is used to carry down timber which is out on the mountains. There are several places in its course where the incline is slight, and visitors are occasionally treated to a short trip over these inclines in a boat constructed for that purpose. The two men who took the trip were workmen, who some months ago conceived the notion of shooting down the entire length of the flume. To carry out this fool-hardy adventure, they constructed a strong boat, sharp at the bow and square at the stern, and fitting the flume closely enough to keep it steady. The men describe the trip as something terrific. The heavy boat got a fearful headway, and the men had no means of stopping it. In shooting round the curves they thought it would jump the flume and precipitate them into the chasm that yawned beneath. Down the steeper inclines the boat sped with more than express-train velocity. The fifteen miles were passed in less than eleven minutes! From the foot of the mountain to where the flume empties, the incline is gentle, and here the boat gradually lost its terrific headway, and at length glided smoothly into the creek. Unharmed, but scared almost out of their senses, the men stepped ashore, and one of them was heard to remark that he would not make that trip again for all the silver and gold in Nevada.—Philadelphia Herald.

MR. COLFAX.

New York letter to Washington Chronicle. Schuyler Colfax is now in New York on a pleasure trip. He looks ten years younger than when in public life ten years ago—probably because he is free from harassment and care. His health is robust, and though his board bears a depressing gray, his eye retains its old twinkle. When talking to day about his present life he suddenly spoke as though I had asked him in mental photographs, "What is your chief object of interest?" He said: "I sympathize with the politicians who slave away to satisfy the 'dour people,' only to be misunderstood and misrepresented at the best." He has closed his lecture season, except a few summer lectures, and has cleared \$12,000. This is his active city, and he is here visiting relatives and friends, and helping his wife do her shopping. He says laughingly that he used to obey 40,000,000 people, but now he allows no one but his wife to order him about. He has not been able to accept all the invitations he has received to deliver his Lincoln lectures this winter, and will probably add Nevada, California, and Canada to his jurisdiction next season. His personal magnanimity is so great that one comes to wonder at his popularity; a "preacher" in appearance he is either a diplomat in manner, or a man overflowing with the milk of human kindness.

It is suggested that the secret of the success of Ohio men in securing offices under the present administration, is the determination of the president to help the republicans of that state carry the election next fall. We don't believe a word of it. If there is any one thing that President Hayes has expressed himself upon clearly and forcibly, that thing is that federal office holders ought not to use their power and influence in carrying elections, and we believe that the president is honest in this position. There is some other reason than this for the popularity of Ohio men. We believe that the trouble is in the extreme modesty of the office holders in other states. Now here are four or five first class missions that have been offered to men from other states, and they won't have them, and the president seeing the necessity of these positions being filled, is compelled to fall back upon Ohio men, who never shrink from a duty of this kind. There are lots of men in Illinois who would make good officers, but they can't bring themselves up to the point of asking for them. We know several who have been waiting for years for an office to seek them, but just before it gets around to them an Ohio man pops his head up just in time to get entangled with the pesky thing, and, of course, his sense of duty will not allow him to think the responsibility. Illinois might just as well have the mission to Brazil as not, but Gen. Logan wouldn't stand up to the rack, and we have no doubt that his refusal will have the effect to banish some Ohio man from home from four to five years: let us be just to the president and the Ohio republicans, though! The heavens should fall.—Bloomington Leader.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 13.—The Sultan is staying at the Ministry of War, awaiting the news from Kars, where a great battle is progressing. Vienna, June 13.—Certain signs point to Thursday or Friday next as the date of crossing the Danube. Just before that operation takes place it is expected the czar will issue a manifesto. It is again rumored that Safet Pasha has requested the Sultan to entrust him with a peace mission to Ploesti. Berlin, June 13.—Private intelligence has been received that the Russians intend to cross the Danube June 23.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

DECATUR, ILL., June 18, 1877.

Present.—Mayor Chambers, Ald. Barnett, Bramble, Ehrman, Harpette, Harwood, Kuny, Muzzy, Swearingen, Nichols and Wayne.

George W. Emmons and others petitioned the council to appoint an oil inspector, and presented the name of H. C. Crosthwait as a proper person to fill said office. On motion of K. Harwood the petition was received and the prayer of petitioners granted.

The finance committee made the following report, which was adopted: To His Honor the Mayor, and City Council of the City of Decatur, Ill.:

Gentlemen: Your committee, to whom was referred the communication of the mayor of Mt. Carmel, and the resolution of Alderman Muzzy, would respectfully recommend that the mayor be instructed to remit to the mayor of Mt. Carmel the sum of twenty-five dollars from the charity fund, and also recommend that a meeting of the citizens be called for the purpose of considering measures for the relief of the destitute and suffering inhabitants of that unfortunate city.

W. EHRMAN, K. HARWOOD, W. J. WAYNE, F. KUNY, F. L. MUZZY.

On motion of Ald. Swearingen, that part of the report of the committee on public improvement in relation to the price to be paid for stone crossings was reconsidered, and one dollar and thirteen cents inserted instead of 91 cents per lineal foot.

Ald. Kuny offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That the Sup't of the water works be instructed to order two cars of slack coal, to be tried at the city water works.

The contracts and bonds of Julius Goldstein, for the improvement of East Main street, East Eldorado street and North Water street were presented, approved, and the mayor and register authorized to sign contracts by a unanimous vote of the council on call of ayes and nays being had upon each contract separately.

Contract and bond of C. A. Tuttle, for putting in the foundation timbers under the extension of the culvert on East Main street was presented, approved, and the mayor and register authorized to sign contracts by a unanimous vote of the council on call of ayes and nays.

Contract and bond of Jas. A. Young, to furnish and place in position the stone curbing and stone crossings on East Main street, East Eldorado street and North Water street were presented, approved, and the mayor and register authorized to sign contracts by a unanimous vote of the council.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed H. C. Crosthwait oil inspector. Appointment confirmed.

On motion the council adjourned until next Friday night, June 15th, at 7 o'clock.

Attest: GEO. P. HARDY, Register.

A BASE LIE.

WARRENDSBURG, ILL., June 12, '77. EDITORS REPUBLICAN.—Sir:—I find in your daily and weekly of last week an article published under the title of a "Lively Scene in Court." The article goes on to state that Ann Haywood knocked S. Ritchie between the eyes, bringing him to the floor, &c. The undersigned were present at the time, and pronounce the story a base lie.

JEREMIAH BLONKOWSKI, HENRY FAREWELL.

"A DROP OF JOY IN EVERY WORD."

FREMINGTON, Hunterdon Co., N. J. Dr. R. V. PIERCE, Buffalo, N. Y.: Three months ago I was broken out with large ulcers and sores on my body, limbs and face. I procured your Golden Medical Discovery and Purgative Pills and have taken six bottles, and to-day I am in good health, all these ugly lesions having healed and left my skin in a natural, healthy condition. I thought at one time I could not be cured. Although I can but poorly express my gratitude to you, yet there is a drop of joy in every word I write.

Yours truly, JAMES O. BELL.

LONDON, June 18.—Gen. Grant's name is not in the official list of names of the persons who are to receive honorary degrees from Oxford University. General Grant was present to-day at Oxford's annual commemorative services. On his entrance he was received with applause. At the Ascot races, the coronation stakes were won by Phoebe, the biennial stakes by Rob. Roy, and the Derby stakes by Willie, the winner of the Derby.

Gen. Grant has informed the mayor of Southampton that previous engagements will prevent his accepting the proffered hospitality of that city; but he acknowledges the high honor, and hopes that he may be able later in the season to avail himself of the invitation to visit that city.

General Grant was not present at the Oxford commemoration. The students have fallen into a custom of cheering or hissing, and the case may be, the names of public characters. All the morning papers remark upon the peculiarly harsh reception evoked by the name of ex-President Grant, which was among the first proposed.

TELEGRAPHIC

THE WAR.

A Great Battle Progressing at Kars.

What Brigham Young Will Do.

Conviction of Rev. McGhee for Murder.

Tweed's Depressed Condition.

The Last Fight with the Indians.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—The Virginia City Chronicle publishes an interview on the Mormon question with Wm. W. Bishop, who defended John D. Lee. He states, from intimate personal knowledge of Mormon affairs, that if Brigham Young thinks he can stand trial and get clear, there will be no resistance; if he apprehends conviction, he will certainly fight, and his followers will stand fire to the last man. Higbee, Haight and Stewart can only be taken by a superior force of United States troops. Under the present jury system it is simply impossible to convict any of the other assassins in Utah. Lee was convicted only because District Attorney Howard succeeded in making Young believe that, by the conviction of Lee Utah would be admitted into the Union as a state, whereupon Young ordered the conviction for the good of the church. He says Howard is an honest, efficient man in every respect. Stories about his keeping back part of Lee's confession are false. Stillson's affidavit he brands as false in every particular, gotten up in the interest of the church. The feeling amongst the Gentiles is very bitter. Should hostilities commence most of the fighting would take place in the small interior towns. Young has given orders to his people to cease all commercial intercourse with the Gentiles of Southern Utah, but the order has not been strictly obeyed.

NEW YORK, June 14.—Tweed is very depressed in spirits and weaker in health. He denounced what he terms an injustice of the compromise with Sweeney, and declares that the four criminal indictments found against the latter would have led to his conviction had he not fled instead of remaining to meet the issue as Tweed did. Tweed says that Connolly and Sweeney were as much in the ring frauds as himself, and that Sweeney's settlement is an admission of such complicity; and Tweed thinks he has a right to be as leniently treated as others.

Surrogate Colvin has filed his decision sustaining the will of Mrs. Basileas Schiff, for a long time under contest by her grandson, Andrew Schiff. She held property in Louisiana, New York and France, valued at \$600,000, and by her will gave the estate in equal shares to her six children. After the will was drawn, Mrs. Schiff thought that her son Edward, who was looking after her estates in Louisiana, had mismanaged his business and had made loans on insufficient securities, and caused her great loss. The mother and son had long and bitter litigations, and in 1869, her son having died in the meantime, she made a codicil to her will cutting off her grandson, Edward's son, from any share in her property. The grandson was left a fortune of \$300,000 by his father.

CHICAGO, June 13.—Capt. Lee, of the tenth cavalry, has forwarded to Gen. Sheridan from Fort Griffin, an account of his engagement with a band of Comanche Indians. The skirmish occurred on the 4th of May. Four Indians were killed, six squaws and fifty-six head of mules and horses captured, and fifteen lodges, with a large supply of powder, lead, dried meats, etc. destroyed. First Sergeant Charles Butler was killed.

DIXON, ILL., June 13.—The jury in the case of Rev. S. H. McGhee, who for the past ten days has been on trial on a charge of poisoning his wife, brought in a verdict this morning of guilty, but fixed the penalty at the lowest period of imprisonment allowed by law, fourteen years. McGhee was the pastor of the Christian Church in Ashton. His motive for the crime was supposed to be a desire to marry a young lady parishioner.

NEW YORK, June 13.—The following are indirect dispatches: The Turks have captured a Russian spy in Rute-shuk. He will be shot. The Russians shot a spy who pretended to be a journalist, at Ploesti. Desultory firing is reported from batteries on the Danube. The Turks at Kars have made several sorties, but were repelled with losses. The Servian Government continues its warlike preparations; a large party is being concentrated near the capital.

A rupture between the Porte and Greece is considered inevitable. The new Russian international loan of 50,000,000 is to be issued immediately.

OMAHA, June 13.—Prof. Cyrus J. Thomas, of the United States entomological commission, accompanied by Prof. Anghey arrived here to-day. After an extensive examination, in reference to grasshoppers, they state that although there are some in the western tier of counties, they are satisfied the danger is over in Nebraska, and that the loss will be very small, even in the few counties where they yet remain.

The report seems to be confirmed that Senator Morgan, of Alabama, has addressed a letter to the attorney general "demanding" that the influence of the administration be exerted to secure the dismissal of the suits brought in the United States court of Alabama against persons engaged in corrupting the ballot box. These suits were brought under the United States law authorizing the appointment of supervisors for congressional elections; and on the one side, it is claimed that they were instigated by the spite of Jere Haralson, the colored member of the last congress, who was defeated for reelection. The best way to establish this claim is to bring the suits to trial; there is no danger of conviction if the persons under indictment are innocent. But to conceive that the president's pacification policy should include the dismissal of indictments found for stuffing the ballot boxes is to distort that policy into a general condoning of crime. This may be Senator Morgan's idea of it, but it is certainly not the president's.—Chicago Tribune.

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.

There will be a grand excursion to St. Louis and return on THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1877. This will afford an unprecedented opportunity to those who desire to visit the "Future Great City" and its many attractions, prominent among which are Shaw's Floral Garden (the finest in America), Belle Fontaine Cemetery, the great Bridge, the Southern Hotel ruins, Lafayette and other parks. The train will consist of an ample supply of elegant coaches fully equipped with the Westinghouse air brakes, Miller's platform and coupler, adding greatly to the comfort and convenience of passengers. The train will leave Union depot at 7 a. m. sharp; Water street crossing 7:10; arriving at Union depot St. Louis at 10:30 a. m. Returning, leaving St. Louis at 8:30 p. m., arriving in Decatur at 12. Fare, for the round trip, including bridge fare, \$2.50.

Persons accompanying the excursion to St. Louis, on June 21st, can return on the regular train on the evening of the 22d without any additional cost.

ARTHUR E. KINNEY, Gen'l Manager.

Everybody Goes to MILLER'S Restaurant. June 1st

S. Einstein is offering handsome Lima Lace Shawls at less price than they have ever been offered in this market. They must be sold, regardless of cost. June 11—d&wt

The Cheapest Hamburg Embroideries yet Offered, just received by LINN & SCRUGGS, March 10 d&wt

If you want a good dinner or lunch, at reasonable rates, go to Martin's. May 5—d&wt

Phetons for the Ladies, Fine Horses, perfectly safe, at Caldwell Bros' Eclipse Stables. May 29 dft

Hemp Carpets reduced from 15 cents to 12 1/2 per yard, at LINN & SCRUGGS. May 15—dft

For Sale—A No. 1 buggy and saddle horse. Will be sold on time. Apply to May 29 dft Dr. J. W. ROUTIN.

A Large Lot of new prints, at 64 cents, at Linn & Scruggs. June 12 d&wt

For Rent—A front room over the Globe Shoe Store, on Prairie street.—Inquire of Close & Griswold. May 1—dft

Fancy Cakes of all kinds, fresh, at Wood's Confectionery, 22 Merchant St. June 7—dft

Everybody says that Martin's Restaurant is the place to get your money's worth. June 5 d&wt

Ladies, you can get spring shoes, at greatly reduced prices, at May 30 d&wt BARBER & BARRER'S.

"Mother Goose" RECEPTION.

"MOTHER GOOSE" will hold a Reception at the OPERA HOUSE!

—ON— Tuesday Night, Jan. 19, Under the auspices of the Ladies of St. John's Church.

ADMISSION AS USUAL. 50c. Tickets for sale at Abbott's. June 14—dft

BANKRUPT NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Illinois. In re matter of William T. Stamper—in Bankruptcy. NOTICE is hereby given, that a second general meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, for the purposes named in the 8th section of the Bankrupt Act of March 2, 1867, will be held at the office of James C. Lake, one of the registers in bankruptcy in said district, at Decatur, Ill., in said district, on the 14th day of July, A. D. 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M. SAMUEL F. GREER, Assignee. June 14—dft

SEE HOW CHEAP

NEW SPRING GOODS

HAYS & BARTHOLOMEW'S

Decatur, Ill., April 9, 1877—d&wt

NEW GOODS

S. EINSTEIN

Has just returned with a full line of SPRING and SUMMER DRY GOODS, consisting of a full line of PRINTS, BLEACHED and BROWN MUSLINS, DRESS GOODS of all colors and shades, BLACK ALPACAS, CASHMERES, GREYFLANES, SILKS, GINGHAMS, FLANNELS, JEANS and COTTONADES, also a full line of LADIES' and GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS. I will offer Great Bargains in these Goods to all who may favor me with a call. REMEMBER THE PLACE—NO. 21 NORTH WATER STREET.

Decatur, March 31, 1877—d&wt

MANN'S REACTIONARY HEALTH LIFE. THE HEALTH LIFE. A THOROUGH SYSTEM OF PHYSICAL CULTURE. IN TEN MINUTES ONCE A DAY. DOUBLES THE STRENGTH IN TWENTY DAYS. DOES NOT FATIGUE NOR EXHAUST. REFRESHES AND INVIGORATES. CURES CHRONIC. SURE REMEDY FOR ALL WEAKNESSES. EQUALS AND EXCEEDS ALL OTHERS. MANUFACTURED BY SINGER BUILDING STONES. HEALTH LIFE COMPANY. Price—Standard Machine, \$75.00. New Economy, \$50.00. Improved Machine, \$100.00. Nickel Plated Machine, \$125.00. Shipped everywhere. Price. Pamphlets free by mail.

WAR, WAR, WAR!

Spring Goods--Boots and Shoes.

CHEAPER THAN EVER BEFORE.

Having received the Largest Stock of BOOTS and SHOES ever brought to this city, we can offer special inducements. Come in and look through our large assortment of Boots and Shoes, and Slippers of all kinds. No trouble to show you and give you prices. W. F. BUSH & CO.

Immense Stock of gent's shoes, just received at Barber & Barrer's. They will sell you good shoes for less money than they have ever been sold in this city before. May 30 d&wt

Marked Down.—We propose to sell our large spring stock of boots and shoes, at low prices, to do it. Try us, and get our prices. BARBER & BARRER'S. May 30 d&wt

Pains in Back, Head, Heart, Feet, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Sciatica, Rheumatic Gout, Nervous and Bilious Disorders, positively cured by Dr. FARRAR'S RHEUMATIC REMEDY, which is a Powerful and Vegetable Liver Pile & Physic, its specialty 43 years. Never fails when taken as directed. Dr. A. J. FARRAR, A. G. for Decatur. Nov. 22, '70 dft

German Class.—Miss Anna Hall will give lessons in German, in the room over Kessler's hat store, (formerly E. Hughes' office. For particulars enquire at the rooms as above, from five to seven and a half o'clock, in the evening. March 17—dft

For Sale.—Two young horses, 3 and 4 years old, with colts. Will trade for good, heavy work horses. June 8—dft D. A. MAPPEL.

Get your Dinner at the New Restaurant, 25 East Main street. June 5 d&wt

100 Dozen French Corsets, at 75c and \$1.00, just received—the handsomest, best and cheapest corset ever sold. Oct 16 dft LINN & SCRUGGS.

Go to E. B. Pratt's, 37 North Church street, for your groceries, glass and queensware. (Apr 26 d&wt

Madame Foy's Skirt-supporting Corsets; Moody's Abdominal Corsets and Bortree's Adjustable Duplex Corsets, very cheap, at Oct 19—dft LINN & SCRUGGS.

Wanted, at the Farmer's Store, 37 North Church street, in exchange for cash and goods, all kinds of produce. April 30—d&wt E. B. PRATT.

There are voters of Stark, Co. Missouri, who have petitioned to U. S. courts held on U. The Early The tended in Olin surely, at day. Stre afternoon. Hot last night. The emyer's. New & stand everybod. Post suit the; and are Abe price sign selling v. The cigar ju. The Best the best kept & H. Hel depot fo. Prec his inner the old a at home the stab after-dit buy din sticks bl oys, he tube to i and alin hack, out for set boy under I. Hitch come at infernal darr, bu lacproce which I sound o ephone. Keme the!Ual for the of our family I been ele sion of over wh During previous known. The His pulpit ring his tained a preache will be here. I by How he hi. Fort Prof on a lif child of The ag about e trait is graph I month having had lai Those a lifetime say the origina we may more a. A Ch The go, the new, D points on Tur ing Dr manag field, v agemen is that that ch an s an just as by the the chidians whity vrain e the tel ant g Spring that an us only Spring that), grand For me po. Str Cheap. Mostl day of publi dance time ode.

THE DAILY REPUBLICAN.
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.
Thursday Evening, June 14.
ANNOUNCEMENT.
We are authorized to announce to the voters of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, composed of the counties of Vermilion, Edgar, Clark, Coles, Boone, Hamilton, Pike, Macon, and Madison, that the next election for the office of Judge of the Circuit Court in said circuit, at the election to be held on the first Monday in August next.

CITY DEPARTMENT.
The farmers are feeling jolly to-day. Early planted potatoes are in bloom. The prayer meetings were well attended last night. Circuit Court is grinding slowly but surely, and turns out several grites every day. Strawberries were selling yesterday afternoon at three boxes for a quarter. Not enough for the corn to grow last night. The best sugar-cured ham at Niedermeyers. Newell & Hammer sell Proctor & Gamble's soaps, acknowledged by everybody to be the best in the world. Post's clocks and watches are what suit the people. They keep good time and are sold cheap. Abel & Locke have a full supply of glass and door mats which they are selling very cheap. The genuine "Key West," the best cigar in the market, at Armstrong's. Smokers' and clouters' outfits and the best of tobacco and cigars, at Birken & Bullard's. Hild's green grocery is the grand depot for good things to eat. Piesley Caldwell has evolved from his inner consciousness a telephone, by the aid of which he can sit on his porch at home and give orders to the boys at the stable. Between the whiffs of his after-dinner cigar while his youngest boy climbs upon the paternal knee and sticks his chubby fists in the paternal eye, he whistles through the telephone tube to Phil to "rub Gray Dan down," and straightway he hears the reply come back, "Ford has taken Gray Dan out for a drive." Then, while the oldest boy is beating his new drum close up under papa's ears he thunders back, "Hitch 'Nig' up to the phonon and come around for me; I can't stand this infernal din." Probably Phil obeys orders, but if he does it with a muttered imprecation upon this latest invention, which keeps him always within the sound of his boss's voice. But the telephone is a success any how.

Removal.—Rev. Bishop Dickson, of the United Brethren Church, who has for the last three years been a resident of our city, removed to-day with his family to Westerville, Ohio, he having been elected at the last General Conference of his church to preside as Bishop over what is called the Ohio District. During his residence here, and one year previous, he was Bishop of what is known as the East Mississippi District. The Bishop has preached in most of the pulpits of this city at different times during his residence here, and has maintained a high reputation as an able preacher. His removal from the city will be regretted by his many friends here. He is succeeded in this District by Rev. Jonathan Weaver, who will have his residence at Dayton, Ohio.

Portrait Painting Under Difficulties.—Prof. Guille, the artist, is engaged on a life size portrait of a now deceased child of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kwing. The age of the child at its death was about eighteen months, and the portrait is being worked up from a photograph taken when it was but a few months old, the artist being assisted by having viewed the remains after they had lain in the vault several months. Those who know the little one in its lifetime, even at this stage of the work, say that the picture is very like the original. When the portrait is done, we may take occasion to speak of it more at length.

A Cheap and Delightful Excursion.—The third annual excursion to Chicago, Grand Haven, Milwaukee, Mackinac, Duluth, St. Paul, and various other points in the Lake region, will come off on Tuesday, July 17th, the train leaving Decatur at 10.45 A. M., under the management of R. H. Ayer, of Springfield, whose long experience in the management of excursions, and past success in that line, are a sufficient guarantee that the trip will be in all respects pleasant and agreeable. Matters have been so arranged that persons may take in just as much or little of what is covered by the entire trip as they please, and the charge will be in proportion to the distance traveled. Tickets are good for thirty days, to return by any boat or train on any line of travel covered by the trip. As a sample of rates to different points, a round trip ticket from Springfield to Chicago, including breakfast and dinner at the Sherman House, is only \$7.50; and from Springfield to Springfield Lake, including 31 days at the hotel, bath on steamers, and one transfer in Chicago, only \$17. For full particulars of route and prices, see posters and handbills.

Strawberry Festival.—The James Chapel Society will give a Strawberry Festival at its place of worship, on Friday evening, June 29th, to which the public is cordially invited. An abundance of good things to eat, and a good time socially will be enjoyed. Come, one, come all.

LIBRARY REPORT.
To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of the city of Decatur, Georgia: Section 7 of "An act to authorize cities, incorporated towns and townships, to establish and maintain free public libraries and reading rooms," in force March 22, 1873, requires the board of directors of such library and reading room to make a report to the city council on or before the second Monday in June of each year, of the condition of their trust. In compliance with the board of directors of the Decatur Public Library and reading room beg leave to make this, their second, annual report.

RECEIPTS.
Money deposited with city treasurer by city collector from June 1, 1876, to May 31, 1877, \$1,209.63
From fines and penalties, 66.90
" waste paper, &c., sold, 28.15
" lost books paid for, 5.25
Total, \$1,269.93

EXPENDITURES.
Amount overdrawn June 1, 1876, \$1.13
Vouchers issued for salaries, 780.00
For books, 428.20
" periodicals, 117.38
" furniture, 188.30
" rebinding, 157.90
" printing, etc., 29.50
rent, 200.00
gas, 125.99
expense account, 199.61
insurance, 22.50
bills payable (J. Millikin & Co.), 468.75
Total, \$3,662.07

As our report closes with the 31st of May, at which date the city collector had turned over but a portion of the money collected on library account, our statement shows a balance against us of \$902.14. On the 2d of June the collector placed to the credit of the library fund \$1,613.01, thus making the amount to the treasurer's hands in excess of all vouchers issued \$711.47 at this latter date. It is expected that this amount will be increased by collections made by the city treasurer about \$1,000, which will enable us to pay promptly all the current expenses of the library up to about March 1st, 1878, (when the collection from the levy of 1877 will begin to come in,) and make another purchase of books, amounting to from \$500 to \$600. It will be remembered that our library board was organized in August, 1875; we, consequently, took no action until about February, 1876, when the collector began to make his returns; and, if we succeed in carrying out our plans, the assessments of 1876 and 1877 will have carried on the library for two and a half years. In our endeavors to "catch up," so that no vouchers will be issued unless there is money in the treasury to meet it, we have been compelled to forego the purchase of many books which it seems to be the wants of our patrons actually require; and being determined that not one cent of indebtedness shall be incurred, and that the library shall be run within the limits of the law, we shall make additions to it only as our funds will permit.

BOOKS.
The No. of books on hand at the date of last report was, 2,144
The No. added by purchase during the year was, 427
The No. of magazines bound and put in circulation was, 35
The No. of books donated during the year was, 106
The total No. of volumes was, 2,712
Of this number 296 have been purchased and thrown aside as unfit for circulation, five have been lost by borrowers and paid for by them or their guarantors, and 15 are missing at this date—most of which will probably be recovered—thus leaving as the actual number of volumes on hand 2,398; of these 1,004 are in the circulating department, and 494 are works of reference, public documents, &c.

PERIODICALS IN CIRCULATION.
The number of serials on file in the reading room is 50; of these two are quarterly, 11 are monthlies, 30 are weeklies (two of which are in the German language), one is semi-weekly, and six are dailies. Of the whole number 37 are purchases, and 13 are gifts.

CIRCULATION.
The No. of books issued during the year was, 35,143
Average monthly issue, 2,928
" weekly, 793
" daily, 125

This table shows an increase in circulation of 31 percent, over that of last year. Of the books taken out during the year 55 percent were works of fiction, 35 percent were juvenile works, and 10 percent were works on literary, scientific and miscellaneous subjects.

To show by comparison the extent of our circulation, we make the following extract from the report of the library: "The Mercantile Library of New York City, with 150,000 volumes, issues less than six times as many books as this library; the Cincinnati Public Library, with 78,349 volumes, less than seven times as many; the Philadelphia Mercantile Library, with 106,943 volumes, less than seven times as many; and the famous Boston Public Library, with 230,777 volumes, 124 times larger than this library, issues daily less than ten times as many." The daily issue of the Bloomington Public Library, 8,000 volumes, is 54; the daily issue of the East St. Louis Public Library, 4,438 volumes, is 36; the daily issue of the Decatur Public Library, 2,398 volumes, is 122.

VISITORS.
The No. of visitors registered during the year was, 55,163
Average visitors per month, 4,597
" week, 1,074
" day, 179

This is an increase of 28 percent, over last year.

It is estimated that we do not have a record of over 50 percent of those who enter the rooms for the purpose of spending the hour in reading, or for consulting the reference library, as vast numbers leave without registering their names. When it is considered that about one-fourth of our entire population live on farms, and that the books taken out are read by two or three, and frequently by whole families, it would be very desirable if the Board could supply the residents of our city with the current publications of the day as fast as published; but being unable for lack of means and room to do this, they will continue to do as they have done heretofore—select in their best judgment the best from all departments of literature, science and art, and place them upon the shelves of the library at an early day as possible. We are already laboring under great disadvantages for the want of room, and some arrangements will shortly have to be made, either for the enlargement of our present quarters, or for the securing of more commodious ones. The report of the secretary, made under oath as required by law, showing "the receipts and expenditures of money, as well as the number of books on hand, books

PROMOTED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL.
The following pupils from the 7th grade of the ward schools, having been examined in Geography, History of the United States, Grammar and Arithmetic, and having obtained a total average of 75 or above, are admitted to the High School:

Nellie Eddy, Ida Abolt, Wm. Allen, Michael Ryan, Henry Holiday, Charles Handy, Joseph Stultz, Willie Ennis, Eddie Dillehunt, Thomas Barber, Anna Burgess, John Murphy, Clara Corneau, Jennie Morrison, Willie McMillin, Clarence McClelland, Dollie Malone, Dora Patterson, Laura Payas, Battle Coleman, Eva Bixby, Allen Thompson, Anna Knipper, Henry Wise, Anna Hughes, Mary Lukens, Mahala Shatzer, Lula McKeule, Minnie Lowe, Alice Fuller, Ida Marsh, Anna Tinkler, Electa Loughbom, Ada Pratt, Hollie Kemper, Anna Ostwood, Alice Dixon, Martha Wade, Maggie Phalin, Joseph Ruth, James Roberts, Gertrude Smith, Elmer Troutman, Jesse Spencer, Clinton Brodessa, Frank Drake, John Brett, Albert Miller, Maudie Wood, Clara Hudson, James Fitzpatrick, Perley Taylor, Annie Culp, Flora Miller, Estella Spencer, William Richter, Nettle Hall, May Fuller, Ida Pinkham, Louisa Farnor, Bina Hatch, Willie Gaebler, Angie Sweeney, Katie Boyer, Ida McCormick, Estelle Howell.

The following were admitted on trial: Mary Knowlton, Minnie Brooks, Clara McCreary, Anna McDonald, James Smith, Bessie Fuller and Cora Elwood. The following did not complete the examination; they will please call at the office any day this week between 4 and 5 o'clock and make up the work: Lillian Zimmerman, Sarah Lyons, Joseph Starr and Mary Henderson. Pupils can obtain their certificates of promotion at the office between 4 and 5 o'clock any day this week.

The highest scholarship average, 98, was obtained by Angie Sweeney, of the Fourth Ward.

E. A. GASTMAN, Supt.

DIED.
At his late residence in South Wheatland, of typhoid pneumonia, on the morning of June 14th, Mr. W. D. HAMILTON. Mr. H. had been sick but about a week, and his death is therefore sudden to his family and friends. He had been a resident of the county for about 20 years, and was in his life time well known to many of our readers. He leaves a widow and three or four children.

Picnicking.—Yesterday a company of our young people, numbering twelve couples, went to Rea's bridge for a picnic, taking with them their dinners, croquet sets, and other means of enjoying themselves. The day was passed in the most agreeable manner, and in the evening the party returned without having met with any accident, and concluded the festivities of the day by a lively drive about town.

Call and see the bargains offered in black and figured grenadines at June 11 dlv S. KIRSTEIN'S.

Found.—A pocket book, containing a sum of money, in a car on the Illinois Central Railroad. Call at Hayes & Bartholomew's and identify property. June 9 dlv

Wanted. by a young man, any steady employment in the city. Wages not so much of an object as steady work. Apply at this office. June 12-dlv

Lost.—A large white cow, some red on head and neck—been gone since June 6th. A suitable reward will be paid for the return, or any information that will lead to her recovery. Leave information with Geo. S. DUNN & Bro. June 12 dlv

For Mechanics and Workmen Generally.—500 Jeans Pants, made of the best standard goods, in twenty different shades, guaranteed not to rip, at a bargain, at B. SPRIN'S, the Clothier. June 13-dlv

Great Reduction in prices of all goods. at S. KIRSTEIN'S. June 11 dlv

Special Bargain sale offered in Dress Linens. at S. KIRSTEIN'S. June 11 dlv

The Revolving Harrow and Cultivator Combined.—Within the past week or two the attention of many of our farmers has been called to a model of a revolving harrow and cultivator combined, which has been exhibited on the streets by Mr. A. B. Riley, Mr. J. J. Atchison, of the firm of W. G. & J. J. Atchison, of Indianapolis, one of the inventors and patentees, is now in town with a full-sized machine, and yesterday gave an exhibition of its utility on the farm of Mr. Samuel C. Allen, in the presence of Mr. Allen, Mr. Wm. Ellis, Mr. Michael Ebbinger, Mr. W. D. Cummings and others, all of whom are practical farmers, and gave the machine their unqualified endorsement. Mr. Atchison has his headquarters at Ham & Cunningham's agricultural warehouse on Prairie street, where he will be pleased to show his machine and explain its workings. The patent on this highly useful invention dates Dec. 5th, 1876. State rights for sale. June 8-dlv w

Ice Cream made of pure cream, packed in ice and delivered in any part of the city by E. W. WOOD. May 19-dlv

Cakes made to order, at Wagon's June 7-dlv

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Decatur, March 12, 1877—dlv w

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MRS. A. HAMSHER.
May 24-dlv w

